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PRAIRIE MARKETS GENERALLY QUIET; LIBERAL SUPPLIES OF
COMMON QUALITY EXPECTED TO BE CARRIED OVER.

Kansas City Market

Light arrivals of prairie hay at Kansas City appeared ample for open market requirements during the week ending April 1, according to the Agricultural Marketing Service. Only 3 cars were received, two of which were diverted on outside orders and one disposed of to local feeding interests. Feedyards were well supplied with storage hay and received a number of cars direct on contract, so that they showed little interest in open market offerings. The only sale reported during the week was a car of No. 1 at \$8.50 per ton. March receipts of prairie for the open market at Kansas City were 22 cars, against 20 in February and 45 in March a year ago. An amount larger than the open market arrivals, however, was received direct during March.

Interior Producing Point Markets

A fairly liberal truck movement of prairie hay from eastern Kansas to the Kansas City district was reported and a few scattered loads moved into the Wichita area and westward. Occasional carloads moved by rail both northward and westward, most of them loaded heavily to take advantage of the reduced freight rates. A number of farmers in eastern Kansas were offering occasional lots of prairie which they had been holding for possible home use. This hay generally was of common quality and was offered at \$4.50 to \$5.00 per ton, baled at loading stations. Most of the better grades of prairie have been shipped, but trade reports indicate a fairly large supply of lower grade hay remains on farms in eastern Kansas. A few fields of prairie grass have been burned off this spring, mostly meadows that were not harvested last season.

From Ness County, Kansas, where feeders have been shipping in prairie hay, it is reported that--"the hay buying season is nearly over unless we have some unfavorable weather. Small weeds and grass have begun to grow and within two or three weeks they will be large enough for grazing. Dealers are only ordering hay for which they have orders."

Prairie hay continued in very limited demand in the Platte Valley of Nebraska and trade interests anticipate a large carryover of old hay, especially of the common quality.

Current quotations at Kansas City, basis U. S. Standards, follow:

UPLAND PRAIRIE
(Per ton)

No. 1 \$8.00-8.50, No. 2 \$7.50-8.00, No. 3 \$5.50-7.00, Sample \$4.00-5.50.

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